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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have been a customer of a local internet provider for many years. Prior to this, I had a giant, well-known national provider. But after a couple of years, I started to be inundated with porn spam, phishing, penal enlargement emails, et al, and finally my email account itself seemed to be hacked. I'd had enough and switched to my current provider. I have NEVER had any spam or other problems. They also provide my phone and long distance service. All this for an affordable monthly charge. And I am not chained to them by "conditions of service." I rate them a 10 out of 10.

Why is ATT so afraid of competition? Because they want a monopoly. And when they have a monopoly they can continue raise their rates as they will hold the public hostage. What happened to good old American capitalism that welcomed competition, knowing that competition ends up with companies striving to provide the best product. So clearly ATT knows it does not have a superior product, and has no intention of working to provide the best customer experience. That being said, ATT, being the giant telecom company that it is, is certainly not hurting for customers. They can afford to have a few small local competitors. Greed is ugly and should have no place in a democracy.

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